

Surveyors (Ireland) Bill.

MEMORANDUM.

The object of this Bill is to remove difficulties which have arisen in reference to the appointment of surveyors in Ireland.

Under the existing law (25 & 26 Vict. c. 106.) an examination of persons desirous to act as surveyors can only be held upon the occurrence of a vacancy in that office, and an appointment to fill a vacancy cannot be made until the grand jury of the county signify their approval of the person proposed to be appointed. Since the grand jury of a county only meet on the occasion of the assizes being held, a considerable interval of time frequently elapses between the occurrence of a vacancy and the appointment of a surveyor to fill the vacancy, and during that period there is no person who can by law execute the duties of the office.

Clause 1 accordingly provides that examinations may be held at such times as the Civil Service Commissioners, with the approval of the Lord Lieutenant, may appoint, and that after each examination certificates of qualification, according to the order of proficiency, may be issued to so many candidates as may be determined by the Lord Lieutenant with the concurrence of those Commissioners.

Clause 2 provides that whenever a vacancy occurs one of the persons certified shall be appointed to the vacant office by the Lord Lieutenant, and that the appointment shall be valid unless and until it is disapproved of by the grand jury at the next assizes.

The Bill also proposes to transfer the examination of assistant county surveyors from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to the Civil Service Commissioners.

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Amend the Law in regard to the Examination and
Appointment of Surveyors in Ireland.

A.D. 1894.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 5 1.—(1.) Examinations of persons desirous of becoming candidates for appointment as surveyors or assistant surveyors under the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act, 1836, or as district surveyors for the county of Dublin under the County Dublin Grand Jury Act, 1844, shall be held under regulations framed by Her Majesty's
10 Civil Service Commissioners, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant.

Persons desirous of becoming candidates for appointments as surveyors or assistant surveyors or district surveyors to be examined by the Civil Service Commissioners.

- (2.) The examinations shall be held at such places and in such manner as the Civil Service Commissioners may appoint, and at such times as those Commissioners, with the concurrence of the Lord Lieutenant, may appoint.

- 15 (3.) The examinations shall be open to all persons being natural born subjects of Her Majesty, and of such age and qualification as may be prescribed in the aforesaid regulations, who may be desirous of attending the same, subject to the payment of such fees as the Civil Service Commissioners, with the consent of the
20 Treasury, may require.

6 & 7 Will. 4.
c. 118.
7 & 8 Vict.
c. 106.

- (4.) After each examination the Civil Service Commissioners may issue certificates of qualification in favour of so many duly qualified candidates as may be determined by the Lord Lieutenant, with the concurrence of those Commissioners, and such certificates
25 shall be issued according to the order of proficiency of the candidates as shown by the examination, provided such candidates are in all respects duly qualified under the aforesaid regulations.

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Appoint-
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2.—(1.) Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the offices of surveyor or district surveyor one of the persons certified as aforesaid by the Civil Service Commissioners shall be appointed to the vacant office of surveyor by the Lord Lieutenant or to the vacant office of district surveyor for the county of Dublin by the grand jury of that county, according as such vacancies occur, and any person certified by these Commissioners as qualified to be an assistant surveyor shall be eligible for the appointment of assistant surveyor for any county.

(2.) Every appointment made by the Lord Lieutenant under this section shall be valid unless and until disapproved of by the grand jury of the county at the next assizes, in which case the Lord Lieutenant shall make a new appointment subject to the like disapproval of the grand jury.

55 & 57 Vict.
c. 49.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of the County Surveyors (Ireland) Act, 1893.

Repeal of
25 & 26 Vict.
c. 106, and
6 & 7 Will. 4,
c. 118. & 39.

3. The Act of the session of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and six, and section thirty-nine of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act, 1836, are hereby repealed.

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Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Surveyors (Ireland) Act, 1894.

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Examination and Appointment of
Surveyors in Ireland.

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